The Frank Quotation Quest….

**Describe Victor**

Think about when?: At different points in the novel:

1. First see him when he meets Walton (framing, cyclical)
2. His childhood (nature/nurture – expectations of family)
3. Victor at university/apogee of his power/ambition? (isolation/obsessive)
4. Later Victor – realising mistakes? (coward/tragic hero?)
5. Back in the ice – Victor dies, tells Walton (moral message)

Victor’s speech

1. “the world was to me a secret which I desired to divine” (chap 2)
2. “the first hapless victim to my unhallowed arts” (p90)
3. “I trembled with rage and horror” (p101)
4. “Like the archangel who aspired to omnipotence, I am chained in an eternal hell” (p214)
5. “Farewell, Walton! Seek happiness in tranquillity and avoid ambition.” (p220)

Victor’s settings

1. “the vast and irregular plains of ice” (p25)
2. “the majestic and wondrous scenes which surrounded our Swiss home” (p38)
3. “in a solitary chamber, or rather, cell” (p55)
4. “rain poured from the dark sky” (p100)
5. “all the squalidness of the most miserable penury” (p168)

Victor’s feelings (1st person narrator)

1. “His spirits had been broken by misery” (
2. “No human being could have passed a happier childhood than myself” (p
3. “I suffered living torture”
4. “I was overcome by gloom and misery”
5. “This hour … is the only happy one which I have enjoyed for several years.”

Victor’s ambitions

1. “To seek one who fled from me” (p27)
2. “Thirst for knowledge”
3. “To pursue nature to her hiding place” (p55)
4. “I may extinguish the spark which I so negligently bestowed” (p102)
5. “Avoid ambition” (p220)